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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 1ST 1909.

Though at a distance from Great Britain, which happily removes us from the heat and passion of the struggles of partisans, we nevertheless feel an interest in home politics which is more than merely academic. As a rule we rarely concern ourselves with little beyond the general colonial and foreign policy adopted by the party in power, but so many experiments in statecraft have been tried by the present Administration that their career calls for more than ordinary attention, and if interest in home politics is wanting it is certain to be revived now by the news which we publish this morning, that the King will fix the 15th of January as the date of the dissolution of Parliament. The announcement is not altogether unexpected. The Liberal Government, notwithstanding its large majority, has found itself in serious difficulties. It is faced with a struggle with the House of Lords over the threatened interference of the Peers with the details of the Finance Bill. To what extent the Peers will go cannot be anticipated at present, but there is every indication that they will assert a right which has not been exercised for many years and which was supposed to have lapsed, by altering or rejecting the much-discussed financial clauses. On that the Liberals will make an appeal to the electorate. It is four years in January since the

LIBERALS found themselves in office after a long absence. Their majority was unprecedentedly large, and while this has been reduced at bye-elections the force at the command of the Government is considerable. The Administration can still impress its will on the House of Commons. But the Upper Chamber is not so amenable to their wishes, and the off-recurring struggles between the two Houses has been renewed with vigour seldom equalled before. The Lords themselves have entered into the fray, not so much from a love of fighting perhaps, as to explain, or gain approval for their past and prospective policy with regard to the measures which the Government sought to make law. The record of the Government during its three years of office, is too well known to call for recapitulation, but the one measure which will enable them to stand well with the working-class population, who form so important a section of the electorate, is the Old Age Pensions Act. That piece of Socialistic legislation is followed by attempts to tax land, minerals, royalties, etc. Failure to pass specific measures to this end did not deter them from trying to achieve their object by indirect methods, and the Finance Bill has been laden with a number of measures which should really have been independent. It is this that the House of Lords, in Lord Lansdowne's words, cannot "swallow without wincing." His Lordship was reported in all the newspapers to have said "swallow without wincing." That may, after all, prove only to be "intelligent anticipation." The Lords have already done the "wincing" and are very likely now to do some "mincing." Hitherto they have refrained from amending or rejecting financial propositions, but although, as we have said, this prerogative has not been exercised for many years it is denied that it has necessarily been forfeited. We may take it, then, that the Lords will amend the present Finance Bill, but whether it be the strictly financial clauses that will be affected or one or other of what are described as "the extraneous propositions," it matters little to the Government, which considers that they have in this Bill an issue on which they can confidently appeal to the proletariat. "Down with the Lords" and "Tax the Dukes" will doubtless form the war cries at the forthcoming general election. The prospective spoliation of the landowners will appeal to the great army of unenlightened "Have Notes" who will be led to vote for a policy which they may live to regret.

When we come to consider the prospects of the two great parties, we find it difficult to prognosticate. The Liberals, while they lost support by their dallying Naval policy, have undoubtedly gained popularity with the working class population by their Old Age Pension scheme and their attempt to "distribute the burden of taxation," as Mr. Asquith describes it. Moreover, paradoxical as it may appear, this Free Trade Government has accepted the principle of Protection by the Patents Bill which is now in operation. On the other hand, the Conservatives and Unionists are not quite unanimous on the subject of Tariff Reform, though it looks from a recent utterance of Mr. BALFOUR—who said that the issue of the coming election was Tariff Reform against Socialism—as if he had at length become a "whole hogger" and unreservedly identified himself with the policy advocated by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN. Then the third party composed of Socialists and Labourists, have to be reckoned with. Seeing how largely the Liberals have adopted their programme, it may be that this third party will be extinguished altogether in the next Parliament, though it is more probable, we think, that they will hold their present numerical position, if they do not improve it. In that event they may not unlikely hold the balance of power with the Irish members, and a coalition will follow which will last only as long as those two ambitious elements are satisfied. It will be another instance of the tail wagging the dog. Admittedly the Liberals have an advantage in the leaders they possess. They have brought to the front a number of capable men. Mr. HALDANE has proved himself particularly able, and so has Mr. LLOYD GEORGE, however much we may condemn his policy. By Liberals and Conservatives alike, Mr. JOHN BURNS is admitted to have done exceedingly well as President of the Local Government Board, and altogether the combination has been a strong one. With the exception of Mr. BALFOUR, the Conservatives have no men of note in the present House of Commons, though in the House of Lords they have a great advantage

over the Liberals, and their ranks in the "Gilded Chamber" have been enriched by the conversion of Lord ROSSMERE. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has practically passed out of politics. Of course, it may be that opportunity will create the men, just as it has done in the case of the Liberals. Though the Liberals have lost few seats in recent bye-elections, the reduced majorities by which the candidates have been retained indicate the customary "swing of the pendulum," and we are therefore disposed to think that whatever party is returned to power will not command a large majority.

Cable communication between Hongkong and Macao was restored last night.

The French Mail of the 31st August was delivered in London on the 29th inst.

We learn that the damage done at Foochow by the recent typhoon is estimated at about two million dollars.

The late Mr. Kenneth M. Ross, of Jardine, Matheson & Co. of Hongkong, left personal estate of the value of \$6,480.

Mr. M. E. Asger, of Hongkong, has graduated in the Dental Department of the North Western University, Chicago.

Engineer-Commander Mountfield, who was recently invalided home from Hongkong, is to be succeeded by Engineer-Commander Mark Rundle, as First Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the Naval Yard.

The directors and officers of the several Railway Companies in the Chinese Empire and many other guests have been invited to attend the opening ceremony of the Peking-Kalgan Railway, which takes place at Nankow tomorrow.

We understand that a marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Lieutenant Alexander Norman Paxton, of the Royal Engineers, stationed in Hongkong, and Miss Florence Gertrude Denny, elder daughter of Mr. H. L. Denny.

The Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration are advertising at Shanghai that they are now prepared to receive messages for despatch to shipping by their wireless service. The installation is now in operation.

Count Otani, Lord Abbot of the Western Hongwanji, Japan, is travelling by the s.s. *Oriental* from Kobe, en route to India. His mission is connected with the recent discovery of Buddhist relics at Peshawar.

A native gardener employed at the Naval Yard was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of copper screws. He was convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$20, in default fourteen days' hard labour.

Ever since the tragic murder of the two Indian police in the New Territory foreigners there are taking no risks. It is not uncommon now for some when they meet bands of Chinese coming towards them to insist that they separate and stand aside.

Mr. E. Schulze, formerly a manager of the Deutsch-Anstaltsche Bank at Tientsin, is reported in northern papers to have left that institution and taken over the firm of Snelthage, Ltd., which is being reconstituted at Shanghai. Mr. Seitz and Mrs. Snelthage being bought out.

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Imperial Chinese Commissioner Wen Tsung Yao (an "old boy" of Queen's College, Hongkong) has memorialized the Throne, suggesting various methods for the development of Tibet. He strongly emphasizes the necessity of training a strong army before the introduction of reforms. He also urges compulsory education.

It has been estimated that the total cost of the Empress Dowager's mausoleum will be Taels 7,224,842, of which figure Taels 5,517,420 will be spent for materials and labour on the mausoleum itself. The balance is for the walls, buildings in which sacrificial worship will be held, and the barracks for troops who will act as guards.

As a foki was entering his quarters in a godown at 129, Queen's Road West, on Wednesday evening, he met a coolie who was leaving with a bag of salt. The intruder was arrested, charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour and six hours' exposure in the stocks.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday a coolie who was formerly employed at the south face of the Beacon Hill railway tunnel was charged with the larceny of a saw and other implements. The defendant had to leave his employment on account of an accident which incapacitated him. His Worship found the charge proved, and sentenced the accused to two months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

We are to be well provided for the next few weeks in Hongkong with circus entertainments. Harston's opens this week end at West Point, and Mr. Jackson, the advance agent of the Hippodrome Circus and Menagerie, which has been doing good business in Japan and Shanghai since their last visit to Hongkong, has just returned to the Colony to make arrangements for pitching the tent at Causeway Bay.

Mr. J. Thomson, third engineer of the s.s. *Nirgopo*, has reported to the police that he lost on the 25th instant, between the Engineers' Institute and Quarry Bay, a black leather pocket book valued at \$5, and containing a cheque for \$240 and a second of exchange draft for \$50.

The session of the Hongkong Technical Institute, extending from October to June next year, commences on Monday. A large staff of lecturers has been engaged, and good work should be done among those who make the most of the opportunities placed at their disposal.

Rumours are gaining ground in shipping circles, says a New York correspondent, of a coming rate war in the Pacific third-class passenger traffic. The cutting of prices on board the Japanese steamers is the origin of the trouble, and unless some agreement is reached a fight seems likely in which British, American, and Japanese companies will be involved, the chief ports affected being Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, and Vancouver.

The damage done at the Looshee Islands by the recent typhoon is officially reported as: "Two lives lost, two domestic animals killed, 353 dwellings and 539 unoccupied houses destroyed, 432 dwellings and 113 unoccupied houses partially demolished, 5,382 dwellings and 2,152 unoccupied houses damaged, two unoccupied houses washed away, 13 vessels carried away and 15 vessels wrecked." The agricultural crops are expected to suffer a decrease by about 20 per cent.

The syllabus of the Union Church Literary Club is one of the most attractive we have seen, and those responsible for its arrangement are to be congratulated. A wide range of subjects will be considered, and several debates will be introduced. The contributors include Mrs. Bellamy Brown, Mrs. E. A. Bellios, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Miss Briggs, Lieut. Col. Bayard, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. May, Eng. Lieut. Hodson, Dr. F. Clark, Messrs. S. T. Dunn, H. C. White, P. H. Holyoak, E. F. Ancoff, E. Gaeter, Bellamy Brown, J. J. Stubbings, C. G. Alabaster, F. Brown, J. I. Plummer, and Rev. C. H. Hickling.

Commenting on Mr. Asquith's statement concerning the creation of a Pacific Fleet, which we reproduced in our columns yesterday, the *Naval and Military Record* observes:—"On the strict reading of the short statement made by Mr. Asquith, it looks as though there will be a further reduction of the units in the China Sea as a result of this agreement. At present we maintain in these waters the four armoured cruisers *Bedford*, *Kent*, *King Alfred*, and *Monmouth*, with the two protected cruisers *Flora* and *Astrea*, half-a-dozen sloops and gunboats, and five destroyers. Presumably the six larger ships now on the station will be withdrawn and utilized as additions to the fleet in European waters, and the existing destroyers will be replaced by half-a-dozen craft of the River type, of which some, at least, will be detailed for duty off the Australian coast with the submarines. It is hardly likely that the sixteen sloops and gunboats will be recalled, as successive Commanders-in-Chief on the China station have consistently held that they are essential to the work of the squadron."

The death has occurred at Kobe of the Rev. Bishop Seth Ward, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (U.S.A.), having episcopal jurisdiction over the missions of his Church in Japan, China and Korea. The Bishop arrived at Yokohama from America on the 8th ultimo, suffering from what was supposed to be nervous prostration. He reached Kobe on August 15th, accompanied by the Rev. S. E. Hager, a member of the Japan mission, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Physicians were called in, and diagnosed the case as probably a growth of some kind in the interior of the brain. In spite of the best medical treatment, the care of trained nurses, and the constant and loving ministrations of the members of his mission, the Bishop gradually became worse. His son, Mr. Seth W. Ward, a young man of twenty-one, was with him when the end came. The Bishop was from Texas, where his wife and two other children at present reside. The Bishop was elevated to a place in the Episcopal Colleges of the Church in America about four years ago.

It will be a matter of great interest to the local cricketing fraternity in particular, and to the community of Singapore in general, says the *Strait Times*, to learn that five of the Australian cricket eleven will return to their homes via Singapore, towards the end of next month, and that they will take part in matches here. Negotiations have been proceeding for some considerable time. The matter of a "gate" had been mentioned in the course of correspondence, but a "gate" in Singapore is out of the question, and the invitation to visit Singapore was therefore put to the team in such a form that those who might avail themselves of it would be assured of a hospitable reception, and an all-round good time, in return for the privilege of seeing the visitors at the cricket. In response to this, a cable has been received stating definitely that five of the Colonial team will come on to Singapore from Colombo. The members of the team who are coming are Messrs. N. A. Noble, W. W. Armstrong, A. Cotter, A. J. Hopkins and F. Laver.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate-General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11:55 a.m. yesterday:—"Cyclone in Pacific Ocean about half-way between the Marianna Islands and Luzon, direction unknown."

## TELEGRAMS.

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## A KOBE LIBEL ACTION.

Tokyo, September 30th.

Judgment has been delivered in the suit for libel which has been occupying the Japanese Court at Kobe for many months, the plaintiff being Mr. W. T. R. Preston, until lately Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan. He brought action against Mr. Robert Young, proprietor and editor of the Japan "Chronicle," claiming Yen 20,000 for alleged libel, which consisted in reprinting an article reflecting on Mr. Preston, which had appeared in a Canadian paper.

The Court's judgment was in favour of the plaintiff, and assessed the damages at Yen 2,000. The Court also ordered the publication of an apology.

[A similar action was sometime ago heard in the Yokohama Court against the Japan Daily Herald, with a like result, but the damages, if we recollect aright, were assessed at Yen 5,000.]

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

## SPANISH VICTORY IN MOROCCO.

JUBILATIONS IN MADRID.

London, September 30th.

The Spaniards have now occupied the whole of Mount Gurugu, and planted the flag on the highest peak amid wild enthusiasm.

There is great jubilation at Madrid.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

DATE OF THE DISSOLUTION.

London, September 30th.

The "Daily News" states that H. M. the King will proclaim a dissolution of Parliament to take place on January 15th.

## MORE SOCIALISTIC LEGISLATION.

London, September 30th.

The Irish Land Bill has passed the second reading in the House of Lords.

Lord Curzon described the measure as another instalment of Socialism, and expressed the hope that the Lords would amend the measure without faltering, and undeterred by threats.

## AUSTRIAN HONOUR FOR THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

London, September 30th.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has conferred the Grand Cross of the order of Leopold upon Mr. Uchida, the Japanese Ambassador.

## CHINESE CRUISER IN PERIL.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION.

Advices have been received locally, says the *Shanghai Times*, to the effect that among several narrow escapes from destruction during the recent heavy weather on the coast that recorded by the Chinese cruiser *Hai Hei* was one of the most thrilling. The *Hai Hei* and *Hai Chi*, as our readers will remember, performed escort duty during the recent tour of inspection by Prince Tsai and H. E. Admiral Sak. The two cruisers left Hongkong northward bound about a fortnight since. They had not got far to the north of the island when they encountered a terrific typhoon. The *Hai Chi*, which is the speedier vessel of the two, managed to steam clear and was speedily beyond the reach of the typhoon.

The commander of the *Hai Hei* came to the conclusion that the safer course in the circumstances in which he was placed was to run for shelter and seek anchorage in the lee of an island. This he did, but although both anchors were dropped and the vessel made as snug as possible the force of the wind was so great that the cables were snapped like threads of cotton. Steam had of course been kept up, and the cruiser was kept head to sea. She was terribly knocked about notwithstanding, and in addition to losing her mainmast and sustaining considerable deck damage, her funnel was damaged. In this condition she was practically at the mercy of wind and waves for several days, and fear began to be entertained that she had been lost. News has just come to hand that the *Hai Hei* has arrived at Foochow in a very battered condition. Had she started three hours later it is regarded as certain that she would have fared much worse, as she would have encountered the centre of the storm.

## A BILLIARD RECORD.

At Melbourne, George Gray, aged 19 years, while playing a billiard match on a standard table in a break of 835, made 831 off the red. This is a world's record.

## THE HONGKONG OPIUM FARM.

SURPRISING FIGURES.

The tenders for the Hongkong Opium Farm for three years from 1st March, 1910, were opened yesterday. They were as follows:

	Per Month.
Ku Yiu-shan, Lung Kin-sang, and Ng Ming-sai	\$ 98,750
Ho Shai-ki	98,600
Luk Yau	96,000
She Ying-luk	91,000

The present farm brings in to the Treasury \$1,210,000 per annum, while the highest tender received would amount to \$1,185,000—a reduction of only \$25,000 a year. The present farmer is Mr. Luk Yau—whose tender for the next three years falls only \$58,000 per annum below the rent he is at present paying. As the Government had been reckoning on a loss of about \$600,000 per annum, these tenders come as an agreeable surprise to the Government and the taxpayers. The tenders will be considered by the Executive Council.

## GARRISON SCHOOLS' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance of children of the Garrison Schools and their parents at the Royal Engineers theatre last evening, when Mrs. Chamier, wife of Colonel Chamier, presided at the annual distribution of prizes.

An entertaining programme had been arranged by the teachers, and the children whose names appeared thereon did what they had to do well, earning great applause from the large number of spectators. Perhaps the most amusing item on the programme was one of the nursery rhymes, "Where are you going to, my pretty maid," Miss Eileen White being the maid, and Master W. Phillips the swell wooer. The dash of the wooer and the demureness of the maid, until the final verse, caused much amusement, and the audience were emphatic in their demand for a recall. The programme was as follows:—

Glee—"Hail! Smiling Morn!"—Elder Children.  
Recitation—"Higgley-Piggley"—Miss H.  
Fiancé Duet—"The Merry Skaters"—Misses N. Lock and H. Hooper.  
Nursery Rhyme—Master W. Phillips.  
Recitation—"The Artful Spider"—Master W.  
Part Song—"The Mermaid's Invitation"—Elder Children.  
Action Song—"Ten Little Nigger Boys"—Infants.

During an interval Mrs. Chamier was accompanied to the stage by Captain Stewart, Staff Officer, and Mr. Hayne, headmaster of the school.

Little Miss Ethel Armstrong followed, and dropping a most courteous, presented a handsome bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Chamier, who then distributed the prizes.

Mr. HAYNE conveyed the thanks of the teaching staff to the parents of the children for taking such a great interest in their work. Getting up an entertainment like the present was not done without considerable time and trouble, but the teachers were well repaid when they saw such a large gathering as that before them, and he hoped that the parents would roll up in greater numbers to the forthcoming school concert.

Captain STEWART thought the results of the year's work were very satisfactory indeed when they took into consideration the trying climate and the difficulties caused by changes of teachers. He thought the teaching staff strongly deserved the congratulations of parents for the manner in which they had done their work. He wished particularly, on their behalf, to thank Mr. Hayne for his good and conscientious work. He was shortly leaving Hongkong, but the speaker was sure he would carry the best wishes of all to his new station in London (Applause). Thanks were also due to Miss Myles, and the rest of the teaching staff (Applause). To the children who had won prizes they would offer their congratulations, while to those who were not successful they could offer sympathy. If they "pegged away," however, they would be bound to get prizes sooner or later. Such things came with good honest work. In conclusion the speaker thanked Mrs. Chamier for attending.

Three hearty cheers were raised for Mrs. Chamier on the call of Captain Stewart, and these were supplemented by a tiger.

The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

## FAREWELL ARMY ORDER OF LORD KITCHENER.

The following farewell Army order was issued by His Excellency Lord Kitchener on his departure from India:—

My extended tenure as Commander-in-Chief in India having terminated, I desire to place on record my high appreciation of the excellent work which has been accomplished by those who have served me during the period for which it has been my privilege to command His Majesty's forces in this country.

I am well aware that the changes which have been introduced into the Army could not have been successfully accomplished without much exertion and self-denial on the part of all concerned. I am most grateful to all ranks of the Army, both British and Indian, for the loyal and ungrudging way in which they have laboured to give effect to my wishes. I am glad to believe that in organisation, in training, and in readiness for war the improvement has been continuous during the last seven years.

Steady persistence will be needed to maintain even the present standard of efficiency while higher ideal which has not yet been reached can be attained only by continued effort. Continuity is indeed the key-word of this, my last, message to the Army in India—continuity, as regards the end aimed at, the means by which that end is sought, and the efforts without which nothing worth the doing can ever be accomplished. Given such continuity, I look forward with confidence to a steady and progressive advance in training and readiness for war built up on the foundations which I have endeavoured to lay.







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Students should attend at the Institute to be enrolled on MONDAY or TUESDAY next, between 9 and 7 p.m.

Copies of the Prospectus and Entry Forms for intending Students may be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

Prizes and Certificates earned last Session will be distributed by the Hon. Mr. BERNIN in Queen's College Hall, on MONDAY, Oct. 11th, at 5.30 p.m.

E. RALPHS,  
Director.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [1261]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 19th October, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 19th October, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
M. MANUK,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [1262]

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1909. [4]

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DAVID WOOD,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 7th September, 1909. [1174]

## NOTICE.

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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 2nd Oct., 1909, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th September, 1909. [1214]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

A N-EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Members of the above Club will be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 2nd Oct., at 12.15 p.m., at the Offices of the Jockey Club on the Ground Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road, a Notice regarding which is being sent to each Member.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, 18th September, 1909. [1215]

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J. R. M. SMITH,  
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Hongkong, 30th September, 1909. [1257]

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [908]

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [665]

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Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTIONS.

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## THE FAR EAST REVISITED

CHINA: THE FINANCIAL MORASS.  
(VI)

(FROM THE "TIMES" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LATELY IN THE FAR EAST.)

Reform is on everybody's lips to-day in China. Hide-bound Mandarins profess their devotion to reform in principle. The native Press preaches reform in tones of growing insistence. Patriotic associations clamour for reform. Committees innumerable have been instituted to prepare measures of reform. Imperial commissioners have been sent abroad to collect information and to report upon reform. Memorials to the Throne discourse upon reform with the same frequency as the Edicts that issue from the Throne. There are to be constitutional reforms, military reforms, administrative reforms, financial reforms. But the first condition for any reform—the condition precedent to all reforms—is a radical readjustment of the relations between the Central and the Provincial Governments. "Here's the rub."

### BEKING AND THE PROVINCES.

There is a Central Government in China, but there has never been a centralized system of government. The two chief functions of Government in China are to keep things fairly quiet and to collect revenue. The business of the Central Government is to provide ways and means for the Central and the Provincial Governments who came in with the reigning dynasty to supply the great Peking Boards or public departments which preside over the administration of the Empire; and to maintain the dynastic dependencies outside the Eighteen Provinces. The business of the Provincial Government is to maintain public order in the Eighteen Provinces, and to remit to Peking so much of the revenue which they collect as the Central Government requires for the purposes above set forth. So long as they discharge these obligations the Central Government asks very few questions. It seldom attempts to exercise any strict control either over their methods of administration or their mode of levying revenue. Peking tries to get much and the provinces to give as little as they can. The burdens imposed upon the provinces are not a fixed quantity, and every province seeks to shift a portion of its burdens on to another. It is not the case of the provinces, as in the case of the Central Government, that the burden is not a fixed quantity, and every province seeks to shift a portion of its burdens on to another. It is not the case of the provinces, as in the case of the Central Government, that the burden is not a fixed quantity, and every province seeks to shift a portion of its burdens on to another.

That margin has been growing beautifully less since China has begun to borrow money abroad, and the Central Government has been compelled to make provision for the service of a foreign debt. At no time do the funds annually remitted to Peking from the provinces appear to have amounted to more than about 90 million taels (at the present rate of exchange a little over £11,000,000)—a sum that would be inadequate, considering that China has a population of between three and four hundred millions, if it conveyed any adequate idea of the amount of taxation that it represents. But, though only the smallest provision, if any is made, either at Peking or in the provinces, for expenditure for purposes of public utility, as we understand them in the West, ample provision is undoubtedly made, though it does not appear in any public accounts, for the vast army of officials and their countless hangers-on in the provinces and in the capital. To-day the Central Government, instead of being able to dispose of whatever sums are remitted from the provinces for the purposes for which such remittances were originally intended or for other less avowed purposes, has to assign, in the first place, about 60 million taels to the service of the foreign loans. It tries, of course, to extract a proportionately larger sum from the provinces, and so far, no doubt, the provinces have to some extent met these new demands, but only by a series of ruinous devices—the imposition of new indirect taxes upon trade, the sale of offices, the systematic debasement of the silver currency in the province of Chih-li even the silver "shop" of the ark of the currency convert in China for centuries past, has been tampered with—and lastly, the circulation of paper money with as little real security behind it as the assignate of the French Revolution. But devices of this kind can only postpone, they cannot avert, the day of reckoning. In some respects they must aggravate it. For, besides draining the resources of the country, every one of these devices has been accompanied by the creation of a fresh legion of needy officials to work it, and incidentally to absorb a large part of the proceeds. Thus the mass of vested interests concerned in the maintenance of the ancient methods goes on increasing, and whilst there is less to go round, there are more hungry appetites to feed.

### PROVINCIAL RESTLESSNESS.

The provinces in the meantime grow more and more suspicious of Peking, more and more restive under its exactions. For instance, in every railway loan contracted by the Central Government, in every concession granted by it to foreigners, they suspect a "deal" for which they will have to pay without sharing in the profits. They do not object in principle to such deals, for they clamour for the right to contract loans and grant concessions on their own account—a right which the Central Government equally loudly proclaims its determination not to concede to them. One of the most singular features of the present situation is the bold front with which the provinces claim to control the action of the Central Government in all such questions. Originally the Central Government, in direct, dictatorial and possibly instigated the opposition of the provincial "gentry" to the concessions which it had itself granted to foreigners in order to strengthen its own hands in avoiding the performance of its engagements. But the "gentry" no longer need any encouragement. They send their representatives uninvited to Peking, who in no uncertain tones dare the Central Government to disregard their wishes at its peril, and even when the Central Government knows full well that its interest and its reputation imperatively require a fair settlement of some long-standing case, as, for instance, that of the Anhui mines, it does not venture to run counter to the will of the provincial delegates. The reluctance of the Central Government to agree to any effective control over the expenditure of loans contracted by it for railway purposes is probably due in some measure to its inability to restrain the provinces concerned from such scandalous proceedings as those which your Peking Correspondent described last winter in connection with the Ningpo railway.

## THE NEW "NATIONALISM"

The more fattened and the more the financial blanket that has to cover the nakedness of both the Central and the Provincial Governments, the more desperately does each side tug at its own end; and, from the domain of pure finance the struggle is extending to the domain of international politics, under the influence of a new sense of national patriotism, which, however laudable, is subject to dangerous perversions. At the time of the war between China and Japan, not 15 years ago, the defeat of the Chinese armies and fleets left Southern and Central China almost entirely unmoved. It was a matter which concerned Peking, not them. The Canton Government calmly invited the Japanese to return one or two Cantonese revenue cruisers which had been captured at Weihaiwei; on the ground that they had gone there "by mistake," and that Canton had nothing to do with the war. To-day Canton is a hot-bed of Chinese nationalism, and claims to dictate its views to the Waiwapa. Nowhere is the cry of "China for the Chinese" louder than at Canton, nowhere has the movement for the "recovery of China's sovereign rights" against the limitations imposed by foreign treaties more fervent and intractable supporters, and as the Cantonese are highly intelligent and boast a large proportion of Western-educated "reformers," their Chinese of other provinces, though they are as unpopular with the Chinese of the north, and especially with the Manchus, as the Bengalis are with most of the other races of India. Canton is largely responsible for the Japanese boycott, and in such incidents as the seizure of the Japanese steamer *Tatesu Maru* for alleged smuggling of arms, and in the Pratas Island question, the uncompromising attitude of the Cantonese has already proved a source of serious embarrassment to Chinese diplomacy. This same spirit is in many other provinces, and the authority of the Central Government over the Provincial Governments—always much less effective than foreign diplomacy has chosen to recognize—has probably never been so weak as at the present moment.

### THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

The whole question of reform tends, therefore, inevitably to turn in a vicious circle. No constitutional or administrative or judicial or military reforms can be really effective until the whole financial system of the Empire has been remodelled and the relations between the Central and the Provincial Governments placed on a sound and definite basis. In a country with the immense natural resources of China and a population so industrious and thrifty, where, according to Sir Robert Hart, the land tax alone, if levied on the same lines as in India, should yield 400,000,000 taels per annum instead of 25,000,000—it should certainly be no impossible task to provide an ample revenue both for the Central and the Provincial Governments. But no far-reaching measure of fiscal reform can be attempted until the long-suffering people of China have had some assurance that a new system of taxation will not, like the old, serve merely to enrich an array of corrupt officials and still more corrupt hangers-on, and that assurance cannot be given until Chinese officialdom has learnt to display in the interests of public honesty and of the national welfare a spirit of unselfishness of which there is as yet but a very slight promise either in the capital or in the provinces.

More than that, even if the means and the will were forthcoming, it is doubtful whether the Chinese themselves possess any competent to evolve a new system of taxation. Yet even the most enlightened amongst them jib at the suggestion that they should follow the example of the Japanese, who, with just as keen a sense of national dignity and national independence, did not hesitate to employ foreign advisers and got full value out of them by giving them their entire confidence so long as they continued to employ them. In the Imperial Maritime Customs, the one administrative department built up on sound principles of efficiency and integrity—and built up for them by foreigners—which has been the bulwark of Chinese financial credit abroad, the Chinese have splendidly object-lesson before them, but when I referred to it in conversation with a high Chinese official who has had all the advantages of a thorough Western education, and is regarded as one of the most earnest champions of progress and reform, he replied with some asperity that China had attained now to a sufficient consciousness of her sovereign rights never again to tolerate the creation of such an administrative *imperium in imperio*. So, whilst every Chinaman is ready to praise reform with his tongue, and whilst his government is undoubtedly beginning to breed a new spirit of independence and almost of revolt amongst a large non-official section of the nation, the official world is still hopelessly reluctant to look facts in the face. The central Government and the Provincial Governments carry on more feverishly than ever the old game of pull devil, pull baker, at the expense of the community at large; the bureaucracy sinks deeper and deeper into the quagmire of corruption and indecision; the trade of China, which has been for years past the only source of revenue capable of expansion, is being hampered and throttled by daily increasing exactions; the currency, recklessly depreciated by official rapacity, has lapsed into a state of unparalleled chaos, even the much-vaunted commercial integrity of the Chinese trader is giving way to the strain,

and though the credit of China still stands at a high quotation on the Stock Exchanges of Europe and financial groups jostle one another in their anxiety to do Chinese loans, to those who can and will read, the writing on the wall is as clear as it is ominous.

## AN IMPERIAL POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Mr. Henniker Heaton gave notice in the House of Commons on the 10th ult. that he will move the appointment of an Imperial Postmaster-General. The former will summon a meeting of the postmasters of Europe to amend the existing anomalies, including the transit charge of 3d. per word on messages passing through Germany for India, and the charge of 2s. per word for messages to India, while messages from London to Vladivostok are only charged 1s.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Anhui* left Shanghai on the 30th ult., and is due here on the 3rd inst.  
The H.A. Line str. *C. Ford* leaves Shanghai on the 30th ult., and may be expected here on the 4th inst.  
The American and Manchurian Line str. *Bluenose* left Singapore on the 30th ult., and is due here on or about the 5th inst., a.m.  
The N.G.I. str. *Ischia* left Singapore for this port on the 30th ult., morning, and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.  
The C.P.R. str. *Montevideo* left Yokohama on the 29th ult. at 8.30 p.m. for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.  
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on the 30th ult., and left again at 2.30 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6.30 p.m. to-day.  
The I.G.M. str. *Dorflinger*, which left here on the 25th ult. at 11 p.m. arrived at Singapore on the 30th ult. at 8 a.m.  
The O.S.K. str. *Seattle Maru*, which left Hongkong on the 28th August, arrived at Tacoma on the 27th ult.

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Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd October will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd October, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1909. [1247]

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 4th Oct., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th Oct., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPORIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1909. [2]

### "MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GHAZEE"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th Oct., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th Oct., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1909. [1253]

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1909. [1]

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, MOJI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

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HAIYANG, British str., 1362, Hodgins, 30th Sept.—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow 29th Sept., General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.  
HONGKONG, British str., 2189, J. Home, 30th Sept.—Penang 21st and Singapore 24th Sept., General—Chinese.  
TIBODAS, Dutch str., 2958, Zwart, 30th Sept.—Sourabaya 14th and Batavia 21st Sept., General—Java China Japan Line.

TOTOMARU, Japanese str., 3412, R. Smith, 30th Sept.—Singapore 23rd Sept., Twist, Cotton and Merchandise—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
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VICTORIA, Swedish str., 989, T. Eckert, 30th Sept.—Hainan 26th and Hainan 29th Sept., Rice, General and Pigs—Waller & Co.  
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HIMALAYA, British str., for Shanghai.  
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	1	T. Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	TRANQUERBAR	Dan. str.	1	E. Malchow	MELCHERS & CO.	About 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	MITASAKI MARU	Jap. str.	1	B. Cobol	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 25th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	1	S. Shotton	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 16th inst.
TRISTE, GENOA, ALGERES, GENOA & CO.	AUSTRIA	Aust. str.	1	S. Shotton	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 16th inst., at 6 P.M.
NEW YORK	SURUGA	Brit. str.	1	K. Sato	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-morrow
BOSTON & NEW YORK	ATHOLL	Brit. str.	1	M. Hagino	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 21st Nov., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1	H. Yamamoto	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	G. W. Eidy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Nov., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	D. Leus	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th Nov., at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	W. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th inst., at D'light
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	G. Hooker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th Nov., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	S. H. Bolton	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 16th inst.
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	M. Courtney	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Sandback	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	H. Kirohner	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Lancelin	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Bradley	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th inst., at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	V. Hoff	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th inst., at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Schwinghammer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 5 P.M.
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Pander	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	J. B. Ferguson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	K. Sugi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Y. Kaburaki	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Hodgins	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Evans	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	W. C. Farnmore	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	P. H. Rolfe	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	S. J. Payne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	W. W. Almond	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Pennafather	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	R. Rodger	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	F. Semblil	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	K. Soyada	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	Belait	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	T. Arthur	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
VANCOUVER & SHANGHAI JAPAN, & CO.	SUBURIC	Brit. str.	1	M. B. Lake	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Noon
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SUVERIC	6232	S. Shotton	On 2nd October.
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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1909.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH"	Wed. day, 5th Oct., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ REGT. LUITPOLD"	About Wed. day, 6th October.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	Friday, 8th Oct., at D'light
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	Middle of October.

For further Particulars, apply to  
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Hongkong, 27th September, 1909. [5]

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From Quebec, or St. John, N.B.  
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P. DE CHAMPMORIN, AGENT,  
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Hongkong, 29th September, 1909. [2]

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E. A. HEWETT,  
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Hongkong, 20th September, 1909. [1]

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Hongkong, 28th September, 1909. [3]

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1898. [9]

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BRADLEY & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1909. [1064]

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FOR	DATE
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Friday, 1st, 9:30 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Shimizu, Yokohama, Honfuku, and San Francisco	Friday, 1st, 10:00 A.M.
Siberian Mail to Europe	Friday, 1st, 10:00 A.M.
Singapore	Friday, 1st, 11:00 A.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Foochow	Friday, 1st, 11:00 A.M.
Manila	Friday, 1st, 1:15 P.M.
Manila	Friday, 1st, 3:00 P.M.
Shanghai and Moji	Friday, 1st, 4:00 P.M.
Amoy	Friday, 1st, 4:00 P.M.
Holow and Haiphong	Friday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Bangkok	Friday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Friday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.
Keelung, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Vancouver, Tacoma and Seattle	Friday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Anping	Friday, 1st, 5:00 P.M.
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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.
CHENAN, British str., 1,350, Brown, 29th Sept.
Shanghai 26th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHAOYI, German str., 1,115, W. Moller, 29th Sept.
Bangkok 1st and Hoihow 10th Sept., Rice and wood—Butterfield & Swire.
DAIEN MARU, Jap. str., 988, Y. Kuburaki, 29th Sept.
Swatow 26th Sept., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
DRUFAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, 29th Sept.
Bangkok 21st and Swatow 28th Sept., General—China-Siam S. N. Co.
FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, Lishman, 26th Sept.
Taku Bar 18th September, Salt—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
GREGORY, Arabic, British str., 2,961, S. H. Belton, 28th Sept.
Calcutta and Singapore 22nd Sept., General and Opium—David Sassoon & Co.
HARFORD, British str., 2,716, Pope, 21st Sept.
New York 30th June, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.
JAPAN, British str., 3,806, J. G. Olifent, 29th Sept.
Moji 24th Sept., General and Coal—David, Sassoon & Co.
KAIYUKU MARU, Japanese str., 1,903, S. Suda, 27th Sept.
Moji 20th September, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.
KIANG CHING, Chinese str., 1,002, A. F. Brinsford, 29th Sept.
Chinkiang 24th Sept., General—Chinese.
KING GEORGE, British str., 2,057, J. E. Jeffrey, 1st August—New York 16th April, Kerosine—Standard Oil Co.
KWANGTAN, Chinese str., 1,569, W. H. Lunt, 27th Sept.
Shanghai 24th September, General—C. M. R. N. Co.
LIAN, British str., 1,835, C. C. Williams, 22nd September.
Shanghai 19th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
LOONGSANG, British str., 1,093, F. Wheeler, 28th Sept.
Manila 25th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LUCHOW, British str., 1,215, W. Raddley, 25th Sept.
Wakamatsu 19th Sept., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
LYNDHURST, British ship, 2,249, Parnell, 20th Sept.
New York 15th May, Kerosine—Standard Oil Co.
MANDARAN MARU, Jap. str., 3,245, Shimidzu, 28th September.
Mike 22nd Sept., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
NORD, Norwegian str., 760, Harvaldsen, 25th Sept.
Samarang 9th Sept., Sugar—Asgard, Thorsen & Co.
PAKLAT, German str., 1,018, Wenzel, 29th Sept.
Bangkok via Swatow 21st Sept., Rice and wood—Butterfield & Swire.
PETCHABURI, German str., 2,100, C. G. Gieswich, 26th Sept.
Hoihow 25th Sept., General—Butterfield & Swire.
PREUPPEN, British str., 1,065, J. H. Scott, 26th Sept.
Salmon 22nd Sept., Rice and General—Woo-Fat Shing.
PONGTONG, German str., 998, H. Olsen, 28th Sept.
Bangkok 20th September, Rice—Malchers & Co.
PRINZ SCHNEIDER, German str., 5,432, D. Lenz, 21st Sept.
Sydney 26th August, General—Malchers & Co.
RAJAH, German str., 2,100, H. C. Reher, 28th Sept.
Bangkok and Koshing 21st Sept., Teak Wood and Rice—Order.
RUB, British str., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 27th Sept.
Manila 25th September, General—Shaw, Tomes & Co.
RYOJA, Norwegian str., 2,492, Spensden, 26th Sept.
Portland, Sugar—P. S. S. & Co.
SANSEN, German str., 998, R. Peterson, 24th Sept.
Bangkok and Swatow 12th September, Rice and Teak Wood—Butterfield & Swire & Co.
SHANG, British str., 1,228, Eddy, 27th Sept.
Wakamatsu 22nd Sept., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
SIBERIA, American str., 5,655, A. Zeeder, 25th Sept.
San Francisco 24th Aug., General—P. M. S. S. Co.
SIMONGAN, Dutch str., 1,202, H. Van, 28th Sept.
Tegal, Sugar—Yuen Fat Hon.
SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, T. Sugai, 29th Sept.
Anping 25th, Amoy 27th and Swatow 28th Sept., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
SUISANG, British str., 1,835, Welsh, 26th Sept.
Swatow 25th Sept., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SUVERIO, British str., 1,100, Shotton, 27th Sept.
Manila 25th Sept., General—Dodwell & Co.
TACOMA MARU, Jap. str., 6,178, H. Yamamoto, 27th Sept.
Shanghai 23rd Sept., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
TRIUMPH, German str., 767, Jacobsen, 27th September.
Swatow 26th Sept., Ballast—Jensen & Co.
VORWARTS, German str., 700, Uldrup, 28th Sept.
Haiphong 22nd and Hoihow 27th September, General—Jensen & Co.
WONGKOL, German str., 1,115, W. Behr, 23rd Sept.
Bangkok 14th Sept., Rice, &c.—North German Lloyd.
YOSHIO MARU, Japanese str., 2,992, B. Kon, 14th Sept.
Kobe 6th and Moji 8th Sept., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
<b>BANKS.</b>				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$990, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	26	\$22.10, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,504	12 1/2		\$10, buyers
China Bank, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$13 1/2, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, sellers
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 133.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, sales
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 92.
Loou-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 113.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 475.
<b>DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED</b>	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$18.
<b>DOCKS AND WHARVES.</b>				
Hongkong & Wharves Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$60, buyers
Hongkong & Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$56.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$59, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	53,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 77.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 147.
<b>FERROVIA &amp; CO., LIMITED</b>	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
<b>GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED</b>	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$8 1/2, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20 1/2, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$72 1/2.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$43 1/2.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$18, sellers
<b>INSURANCE.</b>				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$180, sellers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$114, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$35.35	\$25	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$560, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$25	\$10	\$115.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$82 1/2, buyers
Yamato Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$230.
<b>LANDS AND BUILDINGS.</b>				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$104, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$9 1/2, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$120.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
<b>MINING.</b>				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Repub. Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	18/10	\$63, sellers
<b>Peak Tramways Co., Limited</b>	25,000	\$10	all	\$14, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$14, sellers
<b>REFINERIES.</b>				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$146.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$23, sellers
<b>ROBINSON FINE CO., LIMITED</b>	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
<b>STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.</b>				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$9 1/2, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$31, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$41, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	60,000 def.	\$25	all	\$19, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$26.
South China Moring Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$15, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, sellers
<b>STORES AND DISPENSARIES.</b>				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12.
Wat. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$4, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$8, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	175	\$100	\$100	\$150, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only.	\$10	\$4	\$12 1/2, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	\$10	\$50.
<b>RUBBERS.</b>				
Castelfields, fully paid	—	—	—	\$215.0, sellers
Liggins	—	—	—	24 1/2 buyers
Anglo-Malaya	—	—	—	16 1/2, sellers
Shelfords	—	—	—	37 1/2, sellers
Balgownie	—	—	—	\$71 (Strait), sales
<b>Loans.</b>				
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 p. annum	Par.

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HONGKONG HOTELS.

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UNVARIED FOR 150 YEARS.

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TO-MORROW.

Half-Yearly Meeting, Hongkong Jockey Club,  
Extraordinary General Meeting, Hongkong  
Jockey Club, 12.15 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

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EXCHANGE  
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

September 30th.

LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/9
Bank Bills, on demand	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/9 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/9 1/2
PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	220 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	224 1/2
GERMANY.—	
On demand	179
NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	42 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	43 1/2
BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	13 1/2
Bank, on demand	13 1/2
CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	13 1/2
Bank, on demand	13 1/2
SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	75
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
YOKOHAMA.—On demand	85 1/2
MANILA.—On demand—Pesos	74 1/2
SINGAPORE.—On demand	74 1/2
BATAVIA.—On demand	42 1/2
HONGKONG.—On demand	81 1/2 p.m.
SAIGON.—On demand	81 1/2 p.m.
BANGKOK.—On demand	83 1/2
ROYALTY, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.40
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$60.00
SILVER, per oz.	23 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

	per cent.
Chinese .. 20 cents pieces	\$6.13 discount.
Chinese .. 10 ..	\$6.90 "
Hongkong .. 20 ..	\$7.10 "
Hongkong .. 10 ..	\$5.40 "

OPINUM.

September 30th.

Quotations are:—	
New ..	\$1,150/1,180 per picul.
Old ..	\$1,190/1,220 "
Older ..	\$1,230/1,260 "
V. Old ..	\$1,270/1,300 "
Persian fine quality	\$1,100/1,140 "
Persian extra fine	\$1,000/1,050 "
Patna New ..	\$1,145 per chest.
Patna Old ..	\$1,120 "
Benares New ..	\$1,100 "
Benares Old ..	\$1,100 "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *China* from Shanghai is due to arrive in Hongkong to-day at 8 a.m.  
The P.M. str. *Albion* from Yoko-  
hama on the 27th ultimo on route to this port, she is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on the 6th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. str. *Aidenham* left Sydney on the 25th ultimo via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* sailed from Vancouver, on the 15th ultimo via the usual ports of call.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Regent Luitpold* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 6th ultimo, left Colombo on the 25th ultimo, p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apec str. *Lightning* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 4th inst.

The Indo-China str. *Kutang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 26th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

MERCHANT SHIPWRECKERS.

The str. *Vine Branch* sailed from Sydney on the 10th ult., and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The H.-A. Line str. *Speria* left Foochow on the 29th ultimo a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The C.N. Co's str. *Taming* left Manila on the 28th ult., and is due here to-day.  
The N.Y.K. str. *Aki Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 24th ultimo, and is expected here on the 3rd inst.

The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. *Tjendam* will leave Amoy for this port on the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.

The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. *Tijpanas* left Macassar for this port on the 28th ultimo p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd inst.

The I.G.M. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on Thursday the 23rd ult. at noon, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 15th inst.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, September 30th.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 4 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ..	29.88	29.96	29.89
Thermometer ..	81	81	83
Humidity ..	77	78	78
Wind Direction ..	S	ENE	SE
Force ..	2	2	1
Weather ..	c	c	c
Rain ..		0.74	

Highest open air Temperature on 29th .. 84

Lowest open air Temperature on 29th .. 76

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Haiyang*, from Coast Ports, Capt. Holdt, Professor Kohbe, Messrs L. J. Thomas, L. C. Harrison, Camplin and Brown.

Per *Wakasa Maru*, from Singapore, Misses Manning and F. Sampson, Messrs E. Tart, R. Ritchie, Young and T. L. Laughlin.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kumano Maru*, for Australia, &c., Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Maunio, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Denshaw, Mrs. H. Rodman, Mrs. Emma de la Vina and servant, Mrs. C. A. C. Cox, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Whitkopsky and child, Mrs. L. Anani, Misses Carmine de la Vina and C. Hori, Capt. F. Horton, Messrs L. McLand, A. L. Carnegie, J. Bullen, E. E. Humphreys, R. Romanos, T. Isokawa, Y. Mitawa, J. Ohga, Nishiyama, Yodogawa and Shitama.

# MEMBERS PASSED THE CANAL.

4th—*Wakasa Maru*, 11th—*Antenor*,  
*Antien*, *Glenlogie*, *Ogcock*, *Palermo*,  
*Sardinia*, *Titanic*, 15th—*Benares*, *Ben-  
 ventich*, *Breconshire*, 18th—*Aisyne*, *Bado Maru*,  
*Goben*, *Touraine*, *Peking*, 22nd—*Peiho*, *In-  
 Sambla*, *Ayza Maru*, *Chen*, 25th—*Mishima Maru*,  
*Namur*, *Slavonia*, *Syria*, *Tonkin*,  
*Hirano Maru*, *Moyuna*, 29th—*Benarty*,  
*Sargapdon*, *Laertes*.

## ARRIVALS AT HOME.

27th—*Sardinia*, 28th—*Goben*, *Ayza Maru*.

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From October 1st to 7th, 1909.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
Oct. 1, 10 40	7 4	h. m.	ft. in.
" 11 25	7 1	10 50	5 5
" 12 10	6 43 1/2	11 42	5 2
Nov. 1, 10 57	7 3	12 30	4 1
" 11 42	6 42 1/2	1 15	3 1
" 12 27	5 41 1/2	2 0	2 4
Dec. 1, 11 14	6 41 1/2	2 45	1 3
" 11 59	5 40 1/2	3 30	0 3
" 12 44	4 39 1/2	4 15	11 3
Jan. 1, 12 30	3 38 1/2	5 0	10 3
" 1 15	2 37 1/2	5 45	9 3
" 2 0	1 36 1/2	6 40	8 3
" 2 45	0 35 1/2	7 35	7 3
" 3 30	11 34 1/2	8 30	6 3
"		9 25	5 3
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